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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicant is in receipt of an Office Action from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office dated May 24, 2000. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 7, 8, 9 and 11.

To follow is a clean version of Claims 1, 2 and 10 attached to the end of the Amendment is a marked-up version of Claims 1, 2 and 10 labeled Appendix A.